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LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST 2004 FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMITS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2, 2004

SUSANVILLE, CA...2004 Firewood permits for the Lassen National Forest will be available beginning January 2, 2004. Firewood gathering and cutting will be allowed in Woodcutting Zones III and IV, the Hat Creek and Almanor Ranger Districts, but temporarily suspended in Woodcutting Zone V, the Eagle Lake Ranger District. According to District Ranger Robert Andrews, "We are concerned about resource protection." "The water soaked roadbeds and meadows are extremely vulnerable to damage at this time of year." "That is why we have historically closed this zone in winter to woodcutting since 1995."

The Lassen National Forest 2004 Fuelwood Permit Program remains unchanged from last year. Household members can purchase up to ten cords per household at \$10.00 per cord, with a two cord minimum purchase. Firewood permits valid for both the Lassen and Plumas National Forests can be requested at the time of purchase. To minimize the impact of vehicles on public lands woodcutters and visitors are asked to use extra care when operating vehicles on the water soaked forest and roads.

Woodcutters are reminded they are responsible for any damage they cause to the forest including roads, meadows, water bars, or other erosion structures that can be damaged by vehicle use. Additionally woodcutters must use extra care to remove slash or limbs from roads, ditches, and culvert inlets to prevent possible flooding. The actual permit and map list other restrictions and woodcutter

responsibilities. Permits, local conditions, and additional information can be obtained from the district ranger stations.

Eagle Lake Ranger District, located at: the corner of Highway 36 and Eagle Lake Road, or call (530) 257-4188.

Almanor Ranger District, located at: 900 East Highway 36 in Chester, or call (530) 258-2141.

Hat Creek Ranger District, located at: 43225 East Highway 299, Fall River Mills, or call (530) 336-5521.

If you have questions, would like more information, or have special needs assistance, contact Philip Sitze at the Lassen National Forest Supervisors Office (530) 257-2151.

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